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APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR

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AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

MOTION TO INTERVENE OF WALMART INC.

Pursuant to Rule 22-104 of the Procedural Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), Walmart Inc. ("Walmart") submits this Motion to Intervene and respectfully requests an order permitting its intervention and participation in this proceeding. In support of this Motion, Walmart states as follows:

- 1. Walmart is a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in Texas. Walmart's corporate headquarters is located at 702 SW 8th Street, Bentonville, Arkansas 72716.
- 2. Walmart is a large commercial customer of Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEPCO"), owning and operating approximately 25 retail stores and related facilities in SWEPCO's service territory. Collectively, these facilities consume over 65 million kWh of electricity on an annual basis, primarily in the Lighting and Power service class.
- 3. On October 13, 2020, SWEPCO filed its petition ("Petition") seeking authority to increase its base rates for its electric customers in Texas.
- 4. Walmart is currently reviewing the Petition and supporting evidence to finalize its position. However, because Walmart is a large retail customer of SWEPCO, an increase in the rates and charges for electricity as requested in the Petition is likely to impact Walmart's business and operations in Texas. Accordingly, Walmart has a justiciable interest in this proceeding.

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6. Walmart's interests are unique and are not adequately represented by any other Party to this proceeding. Allowing Walmart to intervene in this proceeding will serve the public interest by ensuring the Commission is apprised of the interests of a large commercial electric customer.

7. The following persons should be included on the service list in this proceeding, and all communications concerning this matter should be addressed to:

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WHEREFORE, Walmart Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission grant it intervenor status as a full party of record and allow it to fully participate in this proceeding.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **Motion to Intervene** was served on all parties of record in this proceeding on the 12th day of November, 2020, by e-service or electronic mail pursuant to Docket No. 50664, Second Order Suspending Rules (July 16, 2020)

<u>/s/ Julie A. Clark</u> Julie A. Clark